

Smart & Melanated Sisters Presents...

Solidarity Badge Series

Ages 12-14

“Advocate”



Are you ready to take a stand for what is right? Learn how to accept, include and honor those that may not have been celebrated throughout history. Learn about the symbols, slogans, colors and flags that represent different people. Learn the history behind different social movements and teach others about what you’ve learned by making your own trivia game or PSA Film. Take part in history by helping to make the world a better place for all.

For youth, ages 12-14 years old. This Solidarity Badge Series can serve as starting place to begin important conversations around differences, social justice movements and how to take a stand for what is right. Adults should guide the youth through this booklet, having them complete “Phases” 1-5 to earn their “Advocate Solidarity Badge”.

“The world is a wheel. When we rise or fall, we do it together.”

*- Cassandra
Clare*

Did You Know?



Did you know the raised Black Fist logo on the front of your badge represents **unity** and **solidarity**? A lot of people associate the raised fist with the “Black Power” movement because of how much it was incorporated with the Black Panther Party for Self Defense organization. But way before that, the symbol was used as the logo for the Industrial Workers of the World organization in 1917. The logo later became popularized during the 1936 Spanish Civil War, when it was used as a greeting. At that time it was known as the “Popular Front” salute. The logo continued to spread throughout the United States in the 1960’s during the Civil Rights Movement. Finally, we see the fist used throughout the Civil Rights Movement, mainly by the Black Panthers, where most people are familiar with it.

Now, the fist is used to unite and uplift groups that are either not celebrated like they should be or groups that have been *marginalized* and oppressed. More and more, we see the raised fist used as a symbol of respect for different movements.

So raise your fist, use your power and stand up
in **unity** and **solidarity**!

***marginalized**: describes a person or group of people that are treated as less important

How do activist use their voice?

Phase 1

Talk to an activist about how they use their voice.

- ☐ Talk to an activist/activist group/leader in your community about what they do. Take notes on how they use their voice and how they take action to make change in the world. How are they an advocate*?

"The world can come together in unity once we all embrace diversity in peaceful ways."

- Maya Angelou



***advocate**: Someone who publicly supports a cause.

***social justice**: The idea that everyone deserves full freedom and rights, especially economically, politically and socially.

Which social justice movement will YOU take a stand for?

Phase 2

Determine a social justice* movement you would like to take a stand for. Pick one of the options below to complete phase 2 of this series.

- Listen to a speaker that is an advocate for your movement talk about your topic (in person or virtually) and jot down main points that interest you. Identify various people from the movement that also acted as advocates for change.
- Visit a museum or resource center to learn more about your social movement or group. As you visit the various exhibits, identify individuals that acted as advocates for change in their movement. Visits could be in person or virtually.
- Watch an educational video to learn more about your movement/group. Identify ways various leaders in the group worked as an advocate for change.

**Gay Lesbian Bisexual
Transgender Historical Society
Online Exhibits**
www.glbthistory.org/online-exhibitions



Catch a short
virtual tour of the National
Civil Rights Museum here:

www.tnhistoryforkids.org/history/virtual-tours/

What can you make that's inspired by a social justice movement?

Phase 3

Make something inspired by your movement. Pick one of the options below to complete phase 3 of this series.

- Design a T-shirt** based on your movement/group. Be sure to include elements of your movement/group in your design such as colors, symbols, slogans, sayings and/or hashtags.
- Make a sign, poster or banner** in support of your movement/group. The sign can display common mottos, slogans or hashtags. They could also encourage others to become an advocate for change.
- Create buttons** in support of your movement/group. Be sure to utilize common mottos, slogans, hashtags and colors related to your movement/group.

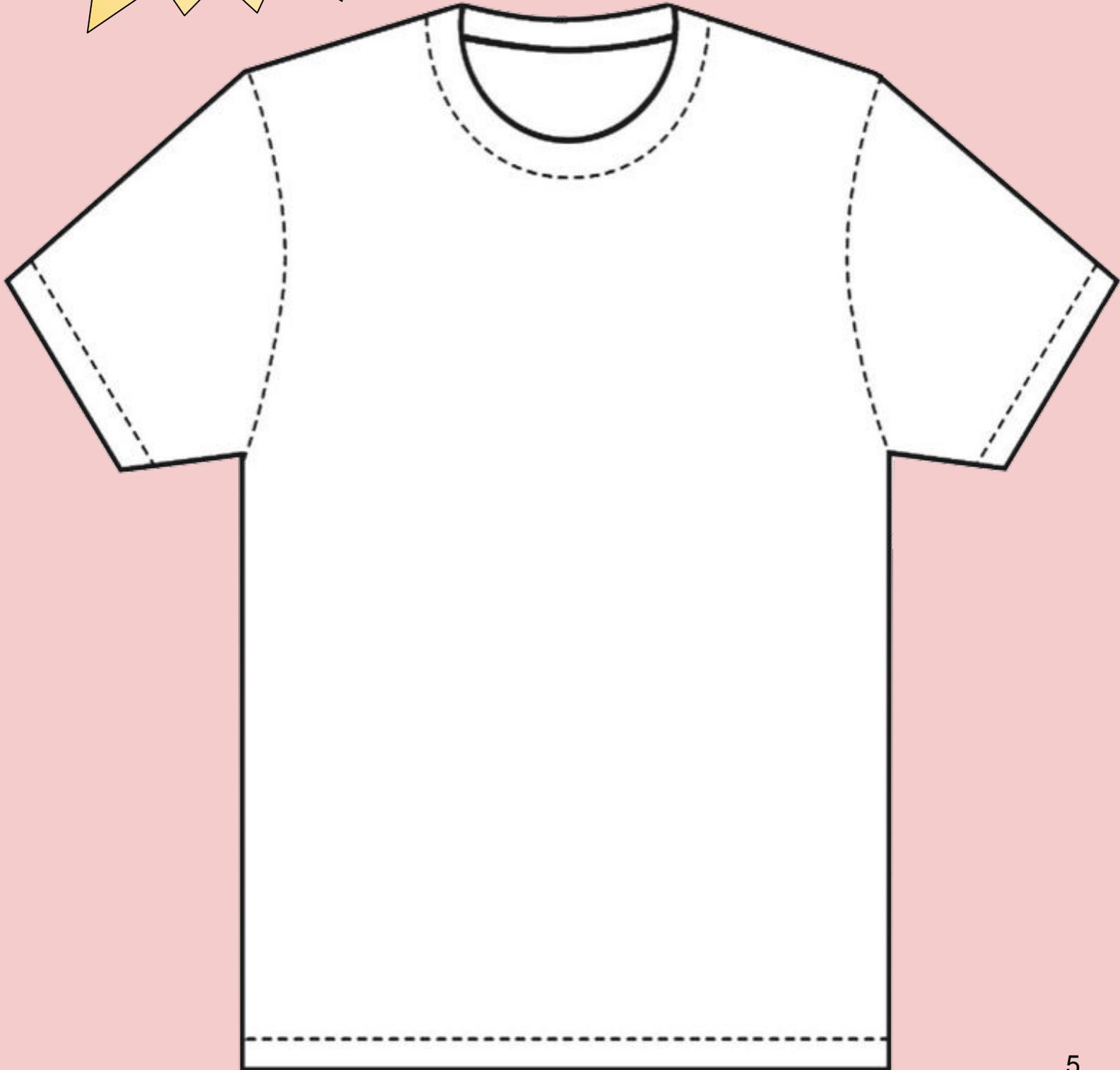


"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Design Your Own T-Shirt

Use this template to design your own t-shirt for Step 3



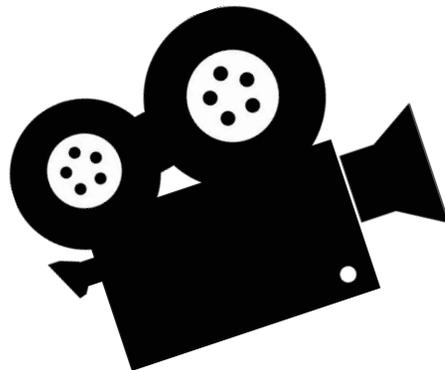
What's the best way to reach your audience?

Phase 4

Prepare a presentation about what you've learned. Pick one of the options below to complete phase 4 of this series.



- ❑ **Create a trivia game** to educate your family and friends about your movement/group. Be sure to include dates, colors associated and other interesting facts that will help teach your audience.
- ❑ **Make and film** a commercial or Public Service Announcement (PSA) to educate others about your movement.



“We are struggling for a uniting word, but the good news is that we have a uniting movement.”
-Emma Watson

How can you share what you've learned?

Phase 5

Share with others. Pick one of the options below to complete phase 5 of this series.

- ❑ **Play your trivia game** with a group of friends or family to test their knowledge of your topic. After the game, be sure to lead a discussion about the importance of your topic and how they too can be an advocate.
- ❑ **Hang your posters** that you made in Phase 3, around your community to encourage people to take action in support of your cause.
- ❑ **Share your commercial** or PSA with an audience in your community. Get creative and share with as many people as possible that are outside of your group/class.



“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you, the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars and change the world.”

-Harriet Tubman